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December 22, 2005

Elizabeth Rolando, Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capital Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: American Farm Bureau, Inc.

Petition (by letter)

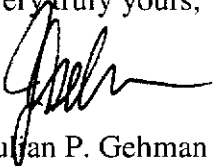
Dear Ms. Rolando:

We are the attorneys for American Farm Bureau, Inc. (hereinafter "AFBI"). The Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") previously authorized AFBI to provide intrastate telecommunications services in Docket No. 96-0400 and facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services in Docket No. 02-0516. AFBI has no customers in Illinois. AFBI no longer intends to retain authority in the State of Illinois. Attached please find the company's original verification page.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Commission cancel AFBI's authority effective immediately.

Enclosed is a duplicate of this letter. Please stamp the duplicate received and return same in the postage-paid envelope attached thereto.

Very truly yours,



Julian P. Gehman

cc: Patrick D. Crocker

VERIFICATION

This request shall be verified under oath.


OATH

State of District of Columbia)
County of _____) ss

Richard W. Newpher makes oath and says that he is Corporate Secretary of American Farm Bureau, Inc., that he has examined the foregoing request and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said request are true, and the said request is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.


Richard W. Newpher

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in the State and County above named, this 13 day of December, 2005.


Notary Public:
Commission Expires: 2-28-10
County,

District of Columbia

